

# European Communities Commission The Week in Europe

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## A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

### Next Council Meetings

Luxembourg	Oct 17-18	Agriculture
	Oct 17-18	Foreign Affairs
	Oct 19	Fisheries
	Oct 24	Finance
	Oct 26	Research
	Oct 26	Internal Market

### Other Events

Foreign Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Oct 22-23	(Athens)
European Parliament:	Oct 24-28	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Oct 25-27	(Brussels)

### Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Energy Council:	Nov 4, Dec 2	
Special Council:	Nov 9-12	(Greece)
Finance Council:	Nov 14, Dec 12	
Agriculture Council:	Nov 14-15, Dec 12-13	
Development Council:	Nov 15	
Foreign Affairs Council:	Nov 28-29, Dec 19-20	
Budget Council:	Nov 22	
Environment Council:	Nov 28	
Fisheries Council:	Dec 5	
Social Affairs Council:	Dec 8	
Consumer Affairs Council:	Dec 12	
Research Council:	Dec 13	
Transport Council:	Dec 20	
Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 7	(Athens)
Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 28	(Delphes)
European Parliament:	Nov 14-18	(Strasbourg)
	Dec 12-16	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Nov 22-24	(Brussels)
	Dec 13-15	(Brussels)
Political Co-operation:	Nov 22	(Brussels)
European Council (summit):	Dec 5-6	(Athens)

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Agricultural ministers will be meeting next week on Monday and Tuesday to continue their discussions on the Mediterranean package. On Wednesday they plan to continue talks on fisheries in a hope to establish new quotas for the current year. Foreign ministers will also be meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

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FLASHBACK

BUDGET REBATE: The European Parliament agreed the supplementary budget to finance additional agricultural expenditure and the £180m rebate to the United Kingdom. A bid to freeze the rebate until decisions had been reached on the future of Community financing failed by 7 votes to achieve the necessary overall majority.

Explaining to the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on Wednesday, October 12 1983, the Commission's decision of the previous day to suspend certain pre-financing arrangements for export refunds and aids and premia, Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Vice-President of the Commission, said: "The Commission has decided as a precautionary measure to take certain management measures within its competence in order to maintain expenditure in 1983 within its available credits, taking account of the supplementary budget now under examination by the Budget Authority. For the moment, after consulting the Management Committee the Commission has decided to suspend for the next ten days the payment of advances on restitutions and on certain premia."

SUSPENSION OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS: The European Commission imposed a 10 days suspension from October 13 1983 on advance payments for agricultural export refunds and to certain premiums payable on other commodities.

£13m FOR TRAINING: The European Social Fund has allocated £13 029 349 for training projects in the United Kingdom with a large proportion of the grants going to local authority schemes.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B25/83 Occupational pension schemes: No sex discrimination.

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